

## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON GREAT LAKES AND ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

12:00 p.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

Representative Warren, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Warren, Donigan, Ebli, Tobocman, Kathleen Law, Leland, Meadows, Miller, Valentine, Robertson, Palmer, Emmons, Moopenaar, Meekhof and Agema.

Representative Valentine moved to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2007 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4343, HB 5065, HB 5066, HB 5067, HB 5068, HB 5069, HB 5070, HB 5071, HB 5072 and HB 5073 before the committee.

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| <b>HB 4343</b> | <b>Ebli</b>         | Natural resources; Great Lakes; Great Lakes-St. Lawrence river basin water resources compact; ratify.                             |
| <b>HB 5065</b> | <b>McDowell</b>     | Water; conservation; water withdrawals and water diversions; regulate.  |
| <b>HB 5066</b> | <b>Meadows</b>      | Water; conservation; water withdrawals; modify certain registration and reporting requirements and require conservation measures. |
| <b>HB 5067</b> | <b>Brown</b>        | Water; conservation; water withdrawals; enhance enforcement.  |
| <b>HB 5068</b> | <b>Coulouris</b>    | Water; conservation; water withdrawal; regulate.  |
| <b>HB 5069</b> | <b>Warren</b>       | Water; conservation; water withdrawals; provide for a water withdrawal assessment tool.   |
| <b>HB 5070</b> | <b>Sak</b>          | Water; conservation; water withdrawals; modify authority for water users committees and local ordinances.                         |
| <b>HB 5071</b> | <b>Corriveau</b>    | Water; conservation; water withdrawals; require evaluation of certain proposed waterworks systems.                                |
| <b>HB 5072</b> | <b>Valentine</b>    | Water; conservation; water withdrawals; regulate bottled water facilities.  |
| <b>HB 5073</b> | <b>Kathleen Law</b> | Water; conservation; water withdrawals; provide department of   |

environmental quality with rule-making authority

Senator Birkholz testified in support of the passage of HB 4343 to the House floor.

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in support of HB 4343 and HB 5065 through HB 5073.

Patrick Schuh, representing the Clean Water Action, testified in support of HB 4343 and HB 5065 through HB 5073.

Tim Neumann, representing the Michigan Rural Water Association, testified in support of HB 4343, but can not support HB 5065 through HB 6073 at this time.\*

Matt Smego, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, testified in support of HB 4343.

The following people submitted cards in support of HB 4343, but did not wish to speak:

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association,  
Molly Flanagan, representing the Wildlife Federation.

The following people submitted cards in opposition to HB 4343 and HB 5065 through HB 5073, but did not wish to speak:

Amanda Radaz, representing the National Federation of Independent Business,  
Jared Rodriguez, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce.

Representative Donigan offered the following amendment to HB 4343:

1. Amend page 50, following line 26, by inserting:

"Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless House Bill No. 5069 of the 94th Legislature is enacted into law.".

Representative Donigan moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4343.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-6-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Warren, Donigan, Ebli, Tobocman, Kathleen Law, Leland, Meadows, Miller and Valentine,

**Nays:** Representatives Robertson, Palmer, Emmons, Moolenaar, Meekhof and Agema,

**Pass:** None.

Representative Moolenaar moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to HB 4343.

The motion did not prevail by a vote of 6-9-0.

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Robertson, Palmer, Emmons, Moolenaar, Meekhof and Agema,

**Nays:** Representatives Warren, Donigan, Ebli, Tobocman, Kathleen Law, Leland, Meadows, Miller and Valentine,

**Pass:** None.

The following people submitted cards in support of substitute (H-2) to HB 4343, but did not wish to speak:

Andy Such, representing the Michigan Bottled Water Council,  
Fritz Benson and Ben Kudwa, representing the Potato Growers of Michigan,  
John Griffin, representing the Associated Petroleum Industries of Michigan,  
Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufactures Association,  
Jamie Callahan, representing the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce,  
Doug Roberts, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce,  
David Worthams, representing the Michigan Municipal League,  
George Carr, representing the Edison Electric Company.

John Bollman with the Legislative Service Bureau, updated the committee on the changes in substitute (H-2) to HB 4343.

Representative Meadows moved to report out HB 4343 as substitute (H-3) with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-6-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Warren, Donigan, Ebli, Tobocman, Kathleen Law, Leland, Meadows, Miller and Valentine,

**Nays:** Representatives Robertson, Palmer, Emmons, Moolenaar, Meekhof and Agema,

**Pass:** None.

**HB 4343 (H-3) reported out with recommendation.**

No further action was taken on HB 5065 through HB 5073.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 1:06 p.m.

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Representative Rebekah Warren, Chair

Ben Cook  
Committee Clerk  
December 5, 2007  
1 hour 6 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed

\* indicates written materials attached to report out file.

Proposed